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My Dear Clarence,

This is Friday eve just after tea, and I am thinking of you, as you start to Harlem, to inaugurate an Agassiz Chapter there. May your efforts be blessed in helping to make true men out of the boy material at hand.

How I wish Elsie could be drawn in some way into doing something down there, It would be worth much to him, aside from anything else.

My lesson this morning was very satisfactory. It would be worth my whole trip to New

York. if I did not learn
any thing more, than I
have already, these three
weeks. So you may know
that I am well satisfied

My Cousin, Mallinson
Randall called this
afternoon, and stayed an
hour and a half. He is
most delightful, I foresee
we shall be excellent good
comrades, as he is as
music mad as I am.

He says we are to take
in all the concerts and
side shows in New York.

I wonder if you would
like him, his candor is
simply charming, and his
manners quite cosmopolitan

He has lived about equal parts of his life in England, Germany, France and America and is just about de-nationalized. And when he was gone, dear heart, I could imagine that you came in and took hold of both my hands and said, "well, tell me, and how do I compare with your cousin" and the answer on my heart rose up to my lips and gave itself to you, in the old sweet way — Compare — No man will ever have the chance of comparing himself, in my eyes, with you

The day of comparisons is over with for all time, we have now only to accept each others faults and failings as our own, and shield & guard them from the world as we do our very own shortcomings.

It is strange, but I have grown to care only for praise, honor and affection for your sake, that you may be fond of me. I read lately that little sketch of "The Wife" in Washington Irvings Sketch book. It embodies what I want to be, to you, Darling. Read it and see.

Now, my love, good night. It is quite 8.10 by my time so it must be 7.10 by yours and you are opening your first Chaplin meeting in Parliament. God bless it and you. is the prayer of your loving Louisa

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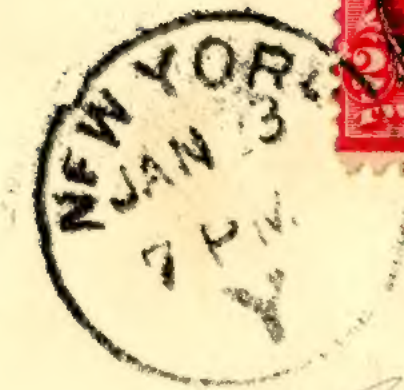

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